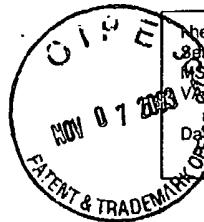


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 24 September 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 24 December 2003. Applicants are appreciative that the claims are substantively allowed; only a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2, remains. The following amendment is believed responsive to this rejection. Reconsideration in light of this amendment is respectfully requested.